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PARTY LEADER FODOR

11. Following is the text of a congratulatory message to President Obama from Gabor Fodor, President, Alliance of Free Democrats, The Hungarian Liberal Party, received January 21, 12009.

12. Begin text

I am pleased to send you my warmest congratulations on your inauguration as President of the United States. You face a formidable task of leadership at difficult times, but your inauguration is a symbol of hope.

Your election is in many ways the American dream come true. It is a historic moment not only because you are the first African-American president, but because it gives us strong hope worldwide in equality, political change and renewal.

You are a source of inspiration for those in Hungary who believe in tolerance and equal opportunity for all and that ones religion, race or color of skin cannot stand in the way of reaching even the highest political office of our Republic.

I wish you and your family all the success in carrying out your enormous task.

Kind regards,

Gabor Fodor President

End text.
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